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Approved Minutes
Executive Committee
Academic Senate, University of Dayton
September 29, 2016
SM113B 2:00-3:22pm

Present: Paul Benson, Mateo Chavez, Corinne Daprano, Lee Dixon, Susan Elliott (representing Emily Hicks) Deo Eustace, Mark Jacobs, Carissa Krane, Andrea Seielstad, Dori Spaulding, Joe Valenzano (Chair)

Absent: Emily Hicks, Jason Pierce

The regular weekly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate was held on Thursday, September 29, 2:00 – 3:22 p.m., at Saint Mary's Hall, chaired by Joe Valenzano, who also provided the opening prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without objection.

The Committee reviewed the 4/1/2016 draft of Bylaws of the University Nominating and Recruiting Committee (UNRC), which included recommendations previously made in response to a previous draft but did not reflect Senate-approved revisions to UNRC membership provisions that eliminated the student representative and included the Vice President of the Academic Senate as an ex-officio voting member. The Committee voiced no objections to UNRC's moving forward, pending those revisions.

The Chair announced that the UNRC was still seeking participation of a faculty member in the Torch Lounge project. The Chair will sent out an e-mail message seeking volunteers.

The Chair noted that the Faculty Board, through Caroline Merithew, had repeated the request that that a member of the Academic Senate attend meetings of the Faculty Board, as a guest. The Chair will sent out an e-mail message seeking volunteers.

The Committee discussed the scheduling of the next ECAS meeting in view of the fall break and Visioning Day. It was concluded that the next meeting could go forward on Thursday, October 6, 2:00 – 3:30 pm, as scheduled.

The Committee reviewed the letter drafted by the Chair in response to the letter of September 8, 2016, regarding policies related to Advanced Placement Credit practices at the University of Dayton. The Committee agreed that the letter, as revised in the course of the Committee's review, should be sent out.

The Committee discussed the Academic Senate Voting Rights and Representation Report to the Executive Committee of Academic Senate submitted by the Academic Senate voting Rights and Senate Representation Working Group September 26, 2016. It was agreed that the Report raised important issues regarding representation of the faculty, as currently composed, and that discussion should be continued at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed the promotion of the Blue Mass, and its relationship to diversity issues in University communications and events, pursuant to the request at the previous meeting that this be added to the agenda. It was agreed that the issues are of great significance and that the Committee should explore appropriate means to address them. It was agreed, without objection, that the Committee should put out a formal statement to this effect and that the Chair would draft a statement for the Committee's consideration. In addition, the Chair will draft a charge to the Student Academic Policy Committee to take up the issues and will invite Dr. Lawrence Burnley, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion to attend an ECAS meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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